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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

GROUP: 1625

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FOR: VALEROLACTONE COMPOUNDS AND PERFUME COMPOSITION

**RESTRICTION RESPONSE**

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated February 5, 2008, Applicants elect, without traverse, Group I, Claims 1-18, for examination.

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

The claims have been divided into Groups as follows:

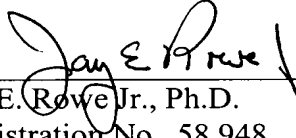
- Group 1: Claim(s) 1-18 are, drawn to valerolactone compounds.
- Group 2: Claim(s) 19, drawn to household products comprising compound of 1.
- Group 3: Claim(s) 20, drawn to personal care and cosmetic products comprising compound of 1.
- Group 4: Claim(s) 21, drawn to environmental hygiene products comprising compound of 1.
- Group 5: Claim(s) 22, drawn to beverage products comprising compound of 1.
- Group 6: Claim(s) 23, drawn to food comprising products compound of 1.

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Applicants respectfully submit that the above-identified application is now in condition for examination on the merits, and early notice thereof is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully Submitted,

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